

FCC Commissioners
The Federal Communications Commission RE: Docket 04-435
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners ,

From a technical standpoint, I see no reason for the FCC to continue restrictions on cell phone usage on aircraft. Planes already have seatback phones, and the ability of consumers to use their own phones can only help increase competition which will lower rates and enhance technical features. Some oppose usage because it presents an annoyance to fellow travelers, but this should not be the regulatory concern of the FCC. Responsible air carriers will set their own courtesy rules (e.g. no usage during movies or cellphone seating sections) to avoid losing customers.

Once the determination is made that these devices cause no interference to navigational systems, the only regulation I can see possibly necessary, is that if ancillary equipment must be installed on planes to effectively communicate with ground stations, that equal opportunity is granted to all cellphone carriers to do this rather than some "exclusive" arrangement locking out competition.

Thanks for this opportunity to voice my opinion. I am a technically savvy consumer with no financial interest in or connections with the airline or cellular industry.

Sincerely,

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